

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2019

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Buck Dougherty, Brian Howard and Ashton McLaughlin were present. Dustan Russum, Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present. Guest: Francis Young was present.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was updated with the deletion of Patel Property, ARC Construction, postponed until September meeting.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Scott Fowler made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 15th Council meeting. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Cahall presented the following treasurer report: Tax bills are coming in as scheduled. Core Logic (largest mortgage tax collector arrived today). Quick Books payroll fees have increased by 25%. Diane is researching other ways to prepare payroll and process year end forms. Municipal Street Aid reports have been received, they will be completed, notarized and returned this week. Buck Dougherty made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills. Ashton McLaughlin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

The town used 1,525,000 gallons of water during July 2019. Pump 2: 682,000 gallons. Pump 3: 843,000 gallons. Well levels: 23.8, 25.1 and 39'. Pump 2 ran 49.1 hours, Pump 3 ran 42.8 hours. Chlorine average chlorine is .83 and Fluoride average is .8. Dustan advised that DHSS conducted their annual Sanitary Survey on the Magnolia Water Department. No significant deficiencies were reported. Recommendations included: Chemical storage area (require 2nd back up containment and Raw water sample tap construction. Dustan also advised that there are many bees under Pump \$ well cap. Ray Horney Industries has installed the equipment required for the Sensiphone dialer shut off line. \$967.38. Jackie from Verizon will send equipment for cell phone hookup which will cost approximately \$20 per month for service.

Dustan informed council that he has been in contact with Heather and Carrie regarding the EPA grant. They suggested dropping EPA and proceed using a State Revolving Grant. Dustan also spoke with Joe Hughes regarding a backup generator; suggesting the town not do a permanent location but use a generator on wheels. More information to follow.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Continue to flush stand pipe at least once a week. Cell work completed. Horney installed H2O level monitor. Gave Dustan a hand to move barrels. Took Diane's financial totes to storage. Returned DRWA auto flusher on August 9th. F&T underground requested to use H2O for 30 day for installing a gas line in Hunters Ridge; talked to Mayor Frazier and later referred them to Dover and Frederica.

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New Business:

Building Maintenance:

Mayor Frazier requested a quote from S E Doyle for the following projects:

1. Town Hall roof – replacement.
2. Town Hall, lean-to on west side - tear off
3. Town Hall front wall - questions have been raised about its structural integrity
4. Pump House (#2 pump) - new roof needed
5. Maintenance Bldg - door frame on south facing is rotted out.

Councilman Buck Dougherty explained the proposal of \$6,175.00 and Councilman Brian Howard made a motion to proceed; 2nd by Mayor Frazier. Motion approved. Diane suggested using Transfer Tax funds for these permanent improvements.

Old Business:

MPO Traffic Study:

Whitman Requardt and Associates, LLP will work on this study under MPO FY2020. The study can take up to a year.

Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier has itemized structural issues for each of the following properties that are in code violations: 7 N Main, 24 S Main, 19 S Main, 20 S Main, 15 W Walnut, 16 W Walnut, 20 W Walnut, 22 W Walnut, 23 a/b S Main. Mayor Frazier completed four letters to home owners: J. Ferger, R. Hartley, R. Carey and C. Moore. Diane will mail the letters certified.

Councilman Brian Howard is attempting to contact officials regarding the many problems at the Farrow property on South Main.

Good of the Order:

Council discussed:

The Sprint/TMobile merger and how it would affect our annual income. We currently receive \$2,334.00 from Verizon and \$2,710.00 from Sprint per month. Annual income: Verizon: \$28,008.00 and Sprint: \$32,520.00. Total: \$60,528.00.

Facebook:

Nothing to report this month.

Adjournment:

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. Second by Buck Dougherty. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Diane P. Cahall